

# CITY OFFICIALS TO ENFORCE LAW

Safety Conditions in the Local Theaters Will Be Made Up to Date.

EXITS WILL BE UNLOCKED

Amusement Company Manager to Personally Take Action for Betterment.

(From Monday's Advertiser.)

That the city officials will not wait for the toll of death from illegally maintained picture shows and theaters to remedy the glaring defects there, was the statement of Chief Engineer Thurston of the fire department last night.

"The Bystander" hit it just about right in regard to those theaters," he said. "I took the matter up with Building Inspector Mielstein last week and we're going right after those fellows. We are not sufficiently acquainted with the new building law yet and do not know if we have a remedy in it or not. That is what I intend to find out right away and am going to read it through as carefully as I can. If there is a remedy we will use it at once."

"The Chinese theater at Anla which the Bystander mentioned as being in better condition was one which we got after some time ago. We ordered a number of changes and threatened to bring the proprietor into court if he didn't obey. He grumbled a great deal and said it would cost him five hundred or a thousand dollars more, but he did it."

"Up to the present time we have had very little power and were unable to enforce our orders. Things are different now. The new theater that is to be erected on Beretania street is to come up to the requirements of that building ordinance in every way or we don't sign. You may rest assured of that. Give us one week in which to apply the new law to the old theaters and we will see how things result."

Plenty of Authority.

Most sections of the new building law which will be invoked in this case refer to buildings to be erected "hereafter," and these consequently are not applicable to most of the show houses now operating, but there is plenty of authority provided in a few other sections, one of which, the last paragraph in section 107, allowing the fire chief or building inspector to order any changes they think necessary in a theater in connection with public safety. Section 7, which is of similar nature, is not quite so emphatic in its terms and more general of application, but would probably cover the cases in some instances.

As the legal fraternity can often give a law a meaning other than that which the public intended or interpreted, immediate action has not been taken. Authorities declared in flat terms yesterday that several of the moving picture shows were menaces to life and one official went so far as to state that if he could, he would close up the Savoy at once, as he considered its construction almost criminal in a building intended for show purposes. Chief Thurston also mentioned the Savoy in particular.

Ended One Danger.

"I had a platform and a rail put across that 'drop-off' at the back exit which was spoken of at the Savoy," he said. "In case of a panic or anything causing a hasty egress, I would also call attention to the fact that old auditorium is soon to be torn down and that will not improve conditions back there in regard to safety."

The Savoy, indeed, has been a general mark for criticism and Chief McDuffie of the special police staff yesterday added to the information regarding the condition of that theater, the fact that the small exit in the back of the stage is boarded up. This he discovered the evening the sheriff sent him there to stop the "hymnic burial." He had sent one of his officers behind the building to see that another hole wasn't prepared there and in calling him afterwards discovered the exit to be thoroughly nailed up and he was unable to get out.

The law is being looked up in regard to police authority over the aisles and it is probable that action may be taken to have all aisles kept clear.

The Right Strand.

"If those side doors at the Empire are kept locked—I am glad that your attention has been called to it," said Joel Cohen of the Honolulu Amusement Company last evening, speaking of the Bystander comment in yesterday's Advertiser about the danger from fire in the local theaters.

"I have been working for some time to have a big iron gate put in on the Bethel street side of the Empire, where those doors are, both for the purpose of a handy exit and also as a means to better ventilation of the theater," continued Mr. Cohen.

The matter of locked exits at the local moving picture houses was brought to the attention of the public through the columns of The Advertiser yesterday, after a representative of this paper had visited the different houses, examined the doors and talked with the employees of the places of amusement.

Doors All Locked.

In the Empire the side doors, marked "exit," leading out on Bethel street were found locked, and no one seemed to know where the keys were.

On the Bethel street side the proprietor of a store there stated that these doors had not been open for several months. When he saw the newspaper man trying to get in, he called the owner of the store.

The Savoy had no means of exit except the front doors, and the Empress

street, was at the same stage, while the Chinese and Japanese houses were also lacking in means of egress, though not so badly in some cases as were the local theaters.

Mr. Cohen was seen last evening and he talked at length on the conditions of the theaters here.

Hard Problems.

"It is hard," said he, "to have the proper exits in any theater which is not wholly surrounded by streets, or at least considerable alleys."

"Where a theater is built in the center of a block the exits are a hard problem to solve."

"In the case of the Savoy, which was said to be the worst of the theaters, there is little danger from fire, as there is nothing of the wood in the place except the chairs which the audience use."

"The sides and roof of this theater are built of iron, and the office is the only part made of wood. There is an exit over the stage, and when the auditorium is fixed up there will be a large lot of room for people to get out in."

"As to the Empire, it is a mistake, certainly, if the doors on the Bethel street side are kept locked, and I am glad that your attention has been called to the matter through the paper."

"Of course the Bijou has plenty of exit room, the fence along the Hotel street side being one large gate through which the audience can pass if necessary."

"Then besides there are two large exits to this theater, so that there is little danger of any one being injured in case of fire."

Little Fire Danger.

The danger of fire, anyway, Mr. Cohen thought extremely improbable, for there was but little chance for a fire to start in the first place.

In speaking of the rooms where the films are put through the machine for projection on the screen, he said there was but little danger, practically none, of an explosion.

"In our machines we use only non-inflammable films," he said. "The first film sent out were highly inflammable and accidents did occur, but this condition has been done away with."

"It is to the advantage of the theater owners to have a film that will not explode, and these are the kind which are being sent out now."

Will Not Burn.

"It is possible to touch a match to these new films and they will only curl up and burn like a feather, not faster."

"As to the inflammable films; there was little danger from them in the machines. There have been cases where these films were exploded by going through the machine too slowly."

"Unless they were wound fast enough, the heat from the light which projected the picture on the screen was so hot that caused them to explode, and in that way there were accidents."

To get away from that danger, the machines were equipped with a safety device which works very well. Now, when a film does not pass through the machine fast enough, there is an automatic shutter which cuts off the light and stops all danger from an explosion."

In regard to the rooms being liable to burn should an explosion occur, Mr. Cohen stated that all the rooms were lined with asbestos, and were practically fireproof from the inside.

In his opinion there is practically no danger of fire in any of the theaters of the amusement company, but the exits at the Empire he believes should be kept open, as should the ones at the Savoy.

As for a man falling six feet through one of the exits at the Savoy, Mr. Cohen stated that this occurred several months ago when some repairs were being made.

Will See to It Personally.

Manager Congdon of the same company stated that he would see, personally, that the doors of the Empire on the Bethel side were kept open in the future.

"The janitor of the building has orders from me to lock these doors during the daytime and to open them at night," said Mr. Congdon.

"I have never looked to see if these orders were being carried out, but I supposed they were all the time. From now on I will look into this matter personally, and see that the exit is kept free."

In regard to the films used, Mr. Congdon stated the same as Mr. Cohen had done a short time before, that there was no danger of fire from such a source.

"These films are made fireproof," he said, "and they can be lighted with a match and will not explode. At any time anyone wants a demonstration of this I am willing to make one," he concluded.

## EX-SENATOR CARTER ENDS PUBLIC CAREER

WASHINGTON, September 18.—Former United States Senator Thomas Carter of Montana died in this city yesterday from infraction of the lungs.

Ex-Senator Thomas Henry Carter was one of the well known figures in the national capital. He was born in Ohio in 1854, on a farm, was a railroad man and a school teacher in his youth and later moved from Iowa to Montana in 1882. He was a delegate from the Territory of Montana to the Fifty-first congress in 1889-91, and when the Territory became a State he was elected to the house and was United States commissioner of the general land office in 1892. In the same year he was chairman of the Republican national convention and again in 1896, when McKinley was nominated for the first time. He was elected United States senator in 1895 and served continuously until March 4, 1911.

DANGER OF BLOOD POISONING.

Every family should at all times be provided with a good reliable liniment and those who have used Chamberlain's Pain Balm will admit that there is none better. Even as slight an injury as the scratch of a pin has resulted in blood poisoning and caused the loss of a limb. Such injuries are of no consequence when Pain Balm is promptly applied. Cuts, bruises and sprains are cured in one-third less time when it is used and all danger of blood poisoning is avoided, as it is antiseptic. For sale by Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

## DUG OUT OF JAIL WITH TIN SPOON

Rodriguez Makes a Clever Get-Away and Eludes Pursuit.

Digging out of jail with a spoon was the feat accomplished by Peter Rodriguez late Saturday night, and all efforts of the police have not yet resulted in his capture. Rodriguez was seen last night at Iwilei, but managed to slip through the police net that was drawn around the district as soon as Chief McDuffie heard of it.

However patriotic we might have deemed the exploit of the federal prisoners at Liberty Prison in the Civil War, when they dug a tunnel over a hundred feet long with the same implement, the police do not feel gratified over Rodriguez being able to dig through wire mesh reinforcement with a tin tablespoon, such as is used in prisons. But such is what he did.

Rodriguez laid his plans very carefully. In the cell opposite him was Carlos Santos, the only other Porto Rican in the city, say the police, who has any use for him. Next to him was Francisco Castro, who was serving a few days for drunkenness and who specifically stated to McDuffie that Rodriguez was his worst enemy. It is probably true.

Locked in Cell.

Castro, however, was discharged Saturday. Rodriguez had been confined in his cell continuously, allowed only one hour in the afternoon for exercise, owing to the fact that he had just been connected with the Klemme burglary and had refused to divulge the hiding place of a job and several other articles. In the afternoon, as soon as the prisoners had been locked up, he must have started work with his spoon. By breaking off the spoon after he had dug as far as the wire mesh, he was able to prod the concrete behind that and when the hole was completed, he twisted the spoon in the mesh until he had broken the latter. The whole job was not a testimonial to the contractor.

The concrete is reinforced with iron bars fourteen inches apart and the negro, who is a big man, chipped away until he had come to these and dug between them. How he got his big bulk through such a small space is a mystery to the police. Chief McDuffie afterwards tested the wall with a hammer and got quick results.

The guard, who makes an inspection twice an hour, asserts that he saw the pile of dirt in Rodriguez' cell and at once went upstairs to call the turnkey, as he did not have a key to the lock. He neglected to snap the lock to the vacant cell, however, and when he came back the man was gone. From another source, however, it was learned that Santos and Rodriguez had called the guard over and told him to go upstairs and stop one of the prisoners there from making so much noise that they couldn't sleep. He went.

Rain Cuts Trail.

Chief McDuffie had just turned in when the report came in, as he had been ordered around the island yesterday by the sheriff. He called Sergeant Kellett, and with a few others and the police dog they went to the jail. The rain was pouring, however, and if there was scent enough for the dog left behind, it had been washed out. "Billy" Woods of the Oahu jail was asked for his dog at half-past two in the morning, but reported that it was too dark and no one would be able to keep up with the animal when he got on the scent. Iwilei was searched without result.

Last night a Porto Rican rushed up to the headquarters of the special staff all out of breath and said he had seen Rodriguez at Iwilei dressed in a kimono and that the latter had asked him to go to "Monkey," a notorious woman there, to get his glasses for him. The chief considered the report correct, as he happened to know that the woman had Rodriguez' glasses. He went over with his entire staff and scattered his men at all the approaches, but there was no sign of the escaped man. Rodriguez has threatened to kill "Monkey."

## MRS. PURDY SUES HER TRUSTEES

Mrs. Anita Christal Purdy of Honolulu has entered suit in the United States circuit court in California against her trustees to recover money which she claims has been kept back from the estate left her by her grandfather, the late Alberto Trescony, a wealthy land owner of Monterey county. At his death Mrs. Purdy and her brother, Leo Christal, inherited together one-third of his estate, which was valued at over a million dollars.

The large estate of 35,000 acres is one of the show places of Monterey county, and Julius Trescony, an uncle of Mrs. Purdy, makes his home there. He, with Robert Johnson, has been a trustee of Mrs. Purdy's portion of the estate, and her claim against them is for large sums of money which she claims are due her.

The complaint includes charges that the trustees have sold hay and grain from the trust estate and mingled the proceeds with their own funds. Also that the two trustees used certain land from the trust estate without paying rent, and that other land has been rented by them at too low a figure. It is also charged that the books of the estate have been so carelessly kept that there have been many errors, in consequence of which the trust estate has been deprived of much money which was due it. Added to this is the fact that the property has been neglected to such an extent that the buildings are in a bad condition and the estate damaged to the extent of \$25,000.

Up to a few months ago Mrs. Purdy was satisfied with the administration, but then she went to the Coast for a trip, with the result that the suit against her trustees has lately been commenced.

## FATHER OF THE MOUNTAIN TRIBES

Governor Pack of Philippine Hills Returning to States for Vacation.

Governor William Pack, of the Mountain Province, Luzon, Philippines, was a through passenger on the Siberia, which called at Honolulu Saturday, and while the vessel was in town he was the guest of ex-Governor George R. Carter.

It has been four years since Governor Pack was in Honolulu, and in an automobile trip around the city with Mr. Carter on Saturday he was impressed with the changes which had taken place since his last visit.

Governor Pack is one of the most picturesque figures in the Philippines today, and his domain comprises several provinces in the fastnesses of the island of Luzon all inhabited by mountain tribes, none of whom are Christians.

The "Tall Pine."

The governor stands over six feet in height and his large head is surmounted with a shock of thick, snow-white hair, which gives a striking appearance to his ruddy face. Among the non-Christian tribes Pack is called "the tall pine," a name which fits him admirably.

No man in the Philippines knows so much about the hill peoples of whom there are several distinct tribes, than does Governor Pack. He has been with them for a decade, talks their language and has their confidence as has no other white man, with the exception of Secretary Worcester, head of the interior department under whose direction these tribes come.

First White man.

Governor Pack has penetrated into parts of the country never before visited by white men, and he is at home with the Negro midgets of the hills as much as with the Igorots, the Tingianes or any of the other several tribes which inhabit the high hills of central Luzon.

Scores of miles of trails have been made under the direction of Governor Pack, and at present it is possible to travel on a horse over and through country which was hardly passable on foot during the three hundred years of Spanish regime.

At first Governor Pack was chief executive of the province of Benguet, but three years ago he was made head of the newly created Mountain Province with subgovernors in the separate provinces.

Since the advent of Governor Pack in the northland much attention has been paid to athletic sports, and the Igorots are taking to all sorts of American games, especially, both men and women.

Fascinating Pictures.

In albums which he is taking to the States the mountain governor has a fine collection of photographs, showing different phases of the life of the mountain people, and the roads, trails, and schools which have been built under American supervision.

One of the best pictures is that of an Igorot tag-of-war in which the men are hauling on the rope with all their might, toes dug into the ground and copper bodies glistening with their exertions.

There is but little attempt made to educate the Igorot girls in English, but the boys all receive this education, and in none of the schools are there any pupils which are not taught something useful.

For the boys there are carpenter tools and other modern implements which they are taught to use, and for the girls the looms to weave fabrics easier than in the old way are set up, the whole population receiving an industrial education.

For Four Months.

Governor Pack is going back to his former home in Michigan for a vacation of several months, but will spend considerable time in Washington with Brigadier-General Clarence Edwards, chief of the bureau of insular affairs of the war department.

He will return to Manila by way of Europe and the transsiberian railway, arriving there in time for the carnival in February, he expects.

PRESIDENT AT SYRACUSE.

SYRACUSE, New York, September 18.—President Taft arrived here on his continental tour and addressed a big audience at the state fair.

RAILWAY STRIKE ORDERED.

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, September 18.—Twelve hundred and fifty section men on the Delaware & Lackawanna railroad system have been ordered to strike this evening.

## NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS COMPLAIN THAT BUSINESS MEN HOLD THEIR MEN

Officers of the First Regiment, National Guard of Hawaii, feel aggrieved over the attitude of some of the business houses toward the national guard in not giving a number of their employees, who are enlisted in the militia, leave of absence for a week in order to participate in the instruction being given at Camp Macomb, near Schofield Barracks, Lihalehu.

Two companies were in camp all the week and according to reports received from officers the men have learned much about camp and outpost duty, which, under the system of cooperation between regulars and civilian soldiers, should prove of immense value in making the militiamen a splendid reserve for the regulars in case of actual war need for their services.

Two more companies are to leave for Camp Macomb tomorrow morning, but

## REBELS ROUT A CAVALRY TROOP

Chinese Revolutionists Ambush Imperial Force—Quiet at Chingtu.

CHUNGKING, China, September 18.—A troop of imperial cavalry, one hundred strong, was ambushed by the rebels in Szechuen province yesterday and routed.

All Was Quiet.

PEKING, September 18.—The French and German legations in this city have received dispatches from Chingtu, capital of the province of Szechuen, which has been reported as in a state of siege, dated September 11, stating that all was quiet.

The Orient mails distributed yesterday brought the Chinese community many reports of the start of the revolutionary troubles in China which have flared up so strongly in the last week.

The Liberty News, organ of the revolutionists here, prints numerous incidents this morning, received from its correspondents which indicate that the unrest was general and that the outbreak is correspondingly more serious.

In the middle of August a case full of bombs was found buried in the earth inside the grounds of the capitol at Peking. The police authorities found the man who planted the infernal machine and who proved to be a soldier in the imperial army hardly twenty-two years old. The Manchurian officials were reported to be in great fear of the further spread of revolutionary sentiment in the army and are also afraid that there may be many others in the ranks who will duplicate the act with greater success.

The attempted assassination of Admiral Lee Chun the latter part of the month gave the authorities another scare. He was on his way to the city from the naval headquarters when he was attacked by anarchists near the "Sheung Moon Tai," or Double Dove. A bomb was thrown into his chair which exploded, demolishing the chair, wounding his right hand and causing a two-inch wound above the kidneys.

Many of the body guards were killed and wounded and after the assault the anarchists mingled with the crowd, which was fleeing in every direction, and disappeared. One man was arrested on suspicion and was found with two bombs. He was dressed in foreign garb, was a native of Ka-Hing-Chow and was educated in Peking. He averred that his object was to kill all the Manchurians and their supporters.

Lee Chun was not a Manchurian, but a Cantonese, and was higher in rank than the naval official killed at the aviation meet in Canton shortly before.

Fung Yee the young Chinese aviator who was flying at the time that official was assassinated has been recommended by the viceroy of Canton to the Army Advisory Council for employment. Fung Yee, who passed through Honolulu shortly before the Canton tragedy, was reported by the viceroy to be an accomplished engineer and electrician as well as an aviator.

## BOTH SIDES ARE VERY CONFIDENT

Liberals and Conservatives Say They Will Win Victory at Polls.

OTTAWA, Canada, September 18.—Both Liberal and Conservative leaders are predicting victory and both sides assert confidence in the result of the general election, which will be held throughout the Dominion next Thursday, September 21.

The Liberals in a statement issued yesterday announced that they will receive a majority of at least sixty-three seats in Parliament, while the opposition claims that it will secure a majority of thirty-nine. The indications are at this time that the cause of reciprocity will win.

Taking Precautions.

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, September 18.—Excitement is running high throughout the western country and the government is taking precautions to avoid any trouble on election day.

Orders have been issued assigning six members of the provincial constabulary and six members of the Dominion government police to guard each polling place next Thursday.

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## VIENNA CITY MOB BATTLES WITH TROOPS

Six Killed and Hundreds Wounded in Street Fighting.

Cafes Looted For Food; Barricades Up, House Is Burned.

VIENNA, Austria, September 18.—This city is seething with discontent over the high cost of living. Mobs formed in the streets yesterday to loot the cafes of food, and were charged by dragons and infantry and dispersed.

Reassembling later the crowds demolished street lamps and wrecked the electric cars, forming barricades across the streets and defying the troops.

Fire on Rioters.

The infantry were ordered to take the barricades and fired twice on the mob. Six persons were killed and 200 severely and many others slightly wounded.

Dispersed for the second time in the streets the mob stormed the Rathaus Park and ravaged the place. It also took possession of a schoolhouse and burned the furniture first and the house afterward.

Protest at High Prices.

The trouble started early in the day when a mass meeting was held in which 50,000 people took part to protest against the high cost of food. Speakers inflamed the crowd, asserting that food was stored in the cafes.

Several thousand of the men and women who attended the meeting started for the cafes to get this food, and were met by the police, who attempted to protect property, but were swept away. It was then that the troops were called out.

Threats Are Made.

Threats were freely made last evening that the mob would burn other buildings today besides schoolhouses.

A strong force of infantry and cavalry has been ordered into the city and in case of further efforts upon the part of the mob to destroy property there will be bloodshed.

## EARTHQUAKE RECORDED IN VICINITY OF HAWAII

SAN JOSE, California, September 18.—Seismograph records taken here yesterday shows that there was an earthquake 3,704 kilometers west of the Pacific Coast. This would apparently be in the vicinity of Hawaii.

STARTS ON LONG FLIGHT.

NEW YORK, September 18.—Aviator Rodgers started yesterday to make the transcontinental trip to San Francisco for the Hearst \$50,000 prize. His first flight was of eighty miles to Middletown, this State.

PRESIDENT'S DAY OF REST.

PHILADELPHIA, September 18.—President Taft spent Sunday in this city, where he rested most of the day, going to church in the morning. He started at midnight for Detroit, where he will speak tomorrow.

STOLYPIN MAY DIE.

KIEV, Russia, September 18.—Premier Stolypin took a turn for the worse yesterday. Peritonitis has set in and his condition is now asserted to be critical.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES.

LEAD, South Dakota, September 17.—Practically every able bodied man in this district is fighting a forest fire, which is now threatening this town.

## HANDICAPPED

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